As of the date of this report, clippings were starting to show up as result of items appearing in the recently released issue of TOBACCO NEWS. These are samples.

HERALD
Durham, North Carolina
July 14, 1960

Blind Vendors Earn Most From Tobacco

WASHINGTON — The Tobacco Institute, Inc., has reported that sales of cigarettes and other tobacco products made up the bulk of the $6.5 million earned last year by blind operators of retail stands.

The blind vendors earned a nationwide average of more than $3,300 each, the report said. The 93 North Carolina vendors earned an average of $1,860 each.

The stands are operated in every state as a major part of a federal-state program to help the handicapped blind to become self-supporting. The vendors are often provided rent-free locations in public buildings.

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THE STATE
Columbia, South Carolina
July 19, 1960

A WORTHY WORK

A little publicized project that is a fine one is the cooperative effort of the states and the federal government under which authorized blind persons operate snack bars.

There are 46 such vendors in South Carolina and they had an average income in 1959 of $1,860 per year, no great sum but quite a help to the person who is handicapped by the loss of his sight.

In the nation there are 2,111 persons under the program. The highest average is in Washington, where it is a tidy $6,038.

The project not only provides income but it gives the blind person something to do, and a feeling of independence that is most valuable.

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(RELEASE AT 6:30 P.M)

(VENDORS-TOBACCO)

BLIND VENDORS EARNED MORE HERE THAN ANYWHERE IN THE NATION, THE TOBACCO INSTITUTE REPORTED TODAY.

EARNINGS IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA WERE $6,038 AVERAGING 69 BLIND RETAILERS.

THE 2,111 BLIND OPERATORS IN THE UNITED STATES EARNED MORE THAN $6,500,000 LAST YEAR AVERAGING MORE THAN $3,300 EACH.

BLIND VENDORS ARE OFTEN PROVIDED RENT-FREE LOCATIONS IN PUBLIC BUILDINGS. IN ADDITION, A FEDERAL PROGRAM PROVIDES TRAINING IN SMALL RETAIL BUSINESS OPERATION, FUNDS FOR EQUIPMENT AND INITIAL STOCK. CIGARETTES AND OTHER TOBACCO PRODUCTS MAKE UP THE BULK OF SALES, THE TOBACCO INSTITUTE REPORTED.

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(TOBACCO)

THE GOVERNMENT HAS SAVED AT LEAST $5,000,000 DURING THE FIRST YEAR OF COLLECTING FEDERAL EXCISE TAXES ON CIGARETTES AND OTHER TOBACCO PRODUCTS WITHOUT REVENUE STAMPS, THE TOBACCO INSTITUTE REPORTED TODAY.

PRINCIPAL SAVING WAS IN COSTS OF PRINTING AND HANDLING STAMPS.

IN ADDITION, THE INSTITUTE QUOTED CHARLES J. MOUNTOURIS, CHIEF OF THE TOBACCO TAX BRANCH OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, AS SAYING THE CHANGEOVER HAS BEEN SO SUCCESSFUL, HE THINKS FURTHER SAVINGS ARE POSSIBLE ELIMINATING OTHER PAPER WORK.

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